



**Delaware Bicycle Council
April 4, 2007
DelDOT Administration Building
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present

Fred Breukelman, Department of Public Health Rep.
Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative
Thomas Hartley, Kent County Representative
Laura Madara, DNREC Representative
Doug Mills, New Castle County Representative
Amy Wilburn, At-Large Representative

DelDOT Support Staff Present

Anthony Aglio, Bike/Ped Coordinator
Tom Felice, DelDot Representative
Kari Glanden, Administrative Assistant, DelDot
Fritz Schranck, Deputy Attorney General, DelDot

Members Absent

Don Carbaugh, New Castle County Representative
Sgt. George Heberling, DE State Police Representative
Judith Jeffers, At-Large Representative
Lisa Moore, Office of Highway Safety
John Ray, Department of Education
Rob Witsil, At-Large Representative
Steven Bayer, DelDot Representative

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introduction of Guests

Doug called the meeting to order and announced guests, Jim Ireland from Delaware Trail Spinners, Lisa Lasher, Delaware Council on Greenways & Trails, Terry Berl and Amy Hughes.

II. Old Business

Route 1 Third Lane Project Update

Anthony stated Bike Route 1 is for cyclists to use, not a detour. He also stated they are working on Junction Breakwater (Gills Neck) in hopes to make a connection with Cape Henlopen High School Kings Highway to Savannah Road.

Fritz mentioned several mobile home developers in the area have no Route 1 access to the trail.

Anthony mentioned any buses along Route 1 have agreed to give bicyclists a free ride during the Route 1 construction phase.

Fritz stated to the Council members to make sure that the construction zone is ADA compliant.

Bicycle Checkpoints Update

Anthony informed the Council that the checkpoint schedule has been finalized. All efforts will be made to ensure all student cyclists will be given lights for their bikes, helmets, reflectors and any other information that will help in educating bike safety. Anthony also mentioned that in July all efforts would go to Route 1 to ask local businesses to sponsor the checkpoints. We can also put photos and information in the Cape Gazette.

Anthony also mentioned that this year we have upgraded the bicycle lights to be handed out at the checkpoints. Anthony stated we would start out with buying 1,000 lights. Anthony noted that Ocean view would be purchasing their own bike lights for their event held in June.

Doug asked the Council members if anyone is interested in helping out at any of the scheduled checkpoints, and to also reach out to other teams and clubs to volunteer to help out as well. Doug asked if anyone is interested to please email him and he will pass it on to Anthony.

Anthony mentioned to the group that dates after July 5th are available for anyone who is interested in volunteering.

Anthony stated to the group that he would be keeping a sponsor list. He also mentioned the he is working with Tony Pazzone and Mike Tyler to have Sussex Cyclists help out.

Fred mentioned to the Bicycle Council that Medical Librarians in Rehoboth are interested in doing bike safety programs in June. They usually get a large audience and Lewes and Coastal libraries would also like to participate.

Doug asked Fred to forward the information to him for review.

Newsletter 2007 Update

Doug asked Anthony if the Newsletter had been mailed out.

Anthony stated that it would be going out as soon as possible.

Doug mentioned the spring newsletters will be mailed out, summer and falls newsletters will also be available on the Bicycle Council website. Doug also mentioned that any articles that anyone would like to contribute for the July issue are due.

Website Updates

Doug stated to the Council members the goal is to draw more people to the Bike Council website to obtain information regarding bike trails, bike safety information, etc. If anyone has any information that would like added to the website to please forward to either Doug or Anthony. It was suggested to add a video onto the website. Also, Greenway Trails information.

Laura asked to add the Mountain Bike Day, held in June.

Amy suggested adding Safe Kids Day event as well.

2007 Commuter rider recognition

Doug commented that we need to unveil a committee for this event and add this information to the website.

Delaware Cycling Maps

Anthony stated that not much to update. It has taken awhile to receive the funds to begin work on the maps. We have selected the Consultants who will be working on the maps. The first map that will be created will be a Resort area map.

Bike Month 2007

Doug stated that the Legislators Ride would be held on May 9th.

Anthony asked if there would be bus transportation provided to riders back to their destinations. Doug said unfortunately, no return bus would be provided and to inform everyone that they would need to provide their own transportation.

Doug commented that the ride would start at same place as last year. All information pertaining to the Legislators Ride will be posted on the Bike Council website event section.

Anthony suggested maybe have everyone meet in Middletown since their would be no return transportation provided.

Ride of Silence

Doug informed the group the event would take place on May 16th and begin in Newark.

Amy asked any signage for why riding?

Doug wasn't sure who the local chair is.

Anthony suggested making flyers for the event.

Doug asked Amy if she would be able to make the flyers and she agreed to do so.

Tour DE Delaware

Anthony informed the Council the 2-day event would be held on May 19th – 20th. Everyone will meet in front of the Wilmington Chase Center near the Wilmington Waterfront and riding to Dover plus a 50-mile loop in Dover. Additional information regarding the event can be found by logging onto – www.gobreakway.com.

Calendar

Doug suggested to the Council that for the next meeting, which would be held on June 6th to meet for an hour (5-6pm) and then the last hour take a bicycle ride, location to be determined. Doug will confirm with Tom and other Council members once a location has been determined.

Safe Kids Day

Amy informed the Council the event would take place on April 21st between 9am-1pm at Bellevue. She asked if anyone is interested in volunteering to please let her know, they could really use the help. She also mentioned about another upcoming event Shue Middle School from 8am-1pm.

Anthony mentioned that he and Kari would be at the Shue Middle School event providing bike safety educational materials as well as a Bike Jeopardy game for the kids to participate in.

Amy also mentioned that her visit at the Pleasantville Elementary School the main focus was about bike helmets & safety.

Anthony also informed the group about the Bike Safety event at the Blue Rocks game, which would take place on May 18th.

II. New Business

Sussex County Trails Booklet

Walt informed the Council about the booklet, which contains about 10 trails. The booklet can be purchased through the Cape Gazette. Additional information can be found by logging on to: railtrails.org, good article regarding the Junction Breakwater Trail.

Other New Items

Terry spoke to the Council about bringing in more trails. He has a tentative plan. The Department of Parks and Recreation would like to know how they can educate/promote bike safety. He suggested setting up a booth on July 4th. Terry also commented he sees a lot of kids without helmets and is very concerned.

Doug suggested contacting DelDot with safety concerns and also giving the Council ideas on what he is interested in doing to promote better safety.

Anthony suggested DelDot's Transportation Enhancements section might be able to help.

Meeting adjourned 6:27pm.